

Welcome to PCCAccent. This newsletter is an adjunct, an "accent" if you will, to the PCA's Web site and the PENnant. The Board of Directors will use PCCAccent to keep you informed about PCA news and happenings.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER! For comments or questions, send email to PCA President Rick Propas. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please send email to Membership Coordinator Kim Sosin. Email addresses for Rick and Kim can be found on the PCA's Web site:
<http://www.pencollectors.com/>

If you have news that would benefit our members, please send an email to Deb Kinney, the PCCAccent Editor.

*** Message from the President - Rick Propas ***

For many of us August and September mean back to school, more regular work schedules, a sometimes intense period leading up to the year end holidays.

Here at PCA Central, autumn means that we are in the early phases of developing the new website. There*s nothing yet to show you, but we are in the midst of early planning and looking toward implementation. Keep tuned for more news.

At the same time, separate, but part of the new website, will be an all-new digital library. We expect to have everything that is now on paper into electronic form and freely available at the push of a button by the end of January. This, of course, is for members only. For those who need or want hard copy, that will continue to be available through our librarian, former President Dan Reppert.

That*s about the news for now. Be well, and write to someone you love this fall.

*** Elections Update - Carla Mortensen***

Here is an update on the 2008 PCA election for the Board of Directors. On or about September 1st, we mailed out approximately 860 electronic ballots and approximately 240 paper ballots. As of September 22, we have received 225 electronic ballots and 42 paper ballot in return, a rate of roughly 27% for the electronics and 18% on the paper. I am happy to report this is the highest rate of return we have ever had for a PCA election, signalling to me that members appreciate the chance to vote online in a timely fashion.

On September 30, I will tally the ballots and ask my CPA, Carol Elizabeth of Elizabeth Financial Services to certify the results. Those results will be posted on the PCA website on or about October 1st, and will also be broadcast through the electronic media via the Fountain Pen Network, Pentrace, and zoss.com. In addition, the new/newly elected board members will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in November at the Ohio Pen Show.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at carla_mortensen@hotmail.com

*** PENnant News - Richard Jarvis ***

We are in the planning and editing stages of our next issue of The Pennant, so it's a great time to submit your articles. Please let us know of you idea for the magazine and what photos or other artwork you have to go with your piece. Please contact Richard Jarvis, Managing Editor, at wordherder62@gmail.com

*** *PCA Then and Now* -Kim Svabik, PCA Pen Show Representative ***

The 2008 New York Pen Show was the debut venue for our seminar titled "PCA Then and Now." Who started the PCA? How long has it been around?

Where is the PCA headed? As I talk with current and prospective members at the shows these questions keep coming up. With the assistance of Dan Zazove, I was able to put together an interactive seminar about the beginnings of a pen community, and the early Pen Shows which led to the

formation of the Pen Collectors of America. We discuss the evolution from early gatherings in living rooms to Hotel Grand Ballrooms. We also discuss the evolution of The Pennant as a vast resource of knowledge and the newest initiative of the PCA; the Pens for Kids Program. And how you can be involved in both. Your membership in the Pen Collectors of

America means more than just a magazine.

"PCA Then and Now" is a living work in progress. The more input we receive gives us a broader picture of our history and our shared experiences. Join us at the Ohio Pen Show and add yours.

*** Local Pen Clubs and Volunteer Opportunities - Deb Kinney ***

Do you have some time and talent to help the PCA be all that it can be? If so, please contact our outreach coordinator, Allan Quiat, e-mail abquiat@yahoo.com, and let us know what you are interested in doing. Opportunities abound in the areas of membership, Pens for Kids (at the shows), Pennant article generation, etc. Let us hear from you!

The KC Area Collectors meet the 4th Saturday of even numbered months except December in the common area outside The Pen Place, lower level North end, Halls Crown Center, Kansas City, MO. We have a meeting coming on Saturday, October 18. Details aren't finalized yet but Information will be found at www.philadelphiapens.com.

The Melbourne Pen Group consists of 20 or so people who meet on the second Monday evening of every second month in the Tower Hotel in East Hawthorn Melbourne Australia. They have guest speakers from within and outside our community and if not we have *display your interesting pens* evenings. For more information please contact Max Braude skybird@tbmcommercial.com.au.

The San Diego Pen group meets the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 A.M. at 9926 Maine Ave, lakeside Ca. 92040 Cell # 619-316-6577
Ron Meloche

The next meeting of the DC Metro Pen Club will be at a member's home in Bethesda on Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. The agenda will be a meet and greet for new members who joined at the DC Pen Show in August, and general pen chat. Details: email Harry Shubin, shubin@mwzb.com

The Research Triangle Pen Club will meet at the Mad Hatter Bakery at Main & Broad Street in Durham at 2:00 this Sunday, 9/28. Everyone is welcome -- there's no membership fee and the coffee and cookies (or lunches) are good and inexpensive. We'll be talking this time about paper and ink - bring along some favorites.